

REMARKS

Enclosed herewith is a Substitute Specification in which the specification as filed has been amended in various places to correct typographical and grammatical errors, and also to add section headings.

In support of the above, enclosed herewith is a copy of the specification as filed marked up with the above changes.

The undersigned attorney asserts that no new matter has been incorporated into the Substitute Specification.

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention as disclosed in the written description. In particular, claims 1 and 8 have been cancelled, while claims 2 and 9 have been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claims 1 and 8, respectively. In addition, claim 11 has been amended to effectively include the limitations of claim 2. Finally, the claims have been amended for clarity.

The claims as filed (as well as the specification as filed) suffered from a European drafting style in which the prior art (to wit U.S. Patent 5,422,680) is indicated in the preamble, while the body of the claim indicates the departure from the prior art. However, while the prior art discloses a video signal enhancement unit in which pixels are counted for a predetermined period of time (i.e., a field period), as noted in the amended claims, the subject invention does not include such a predetermined

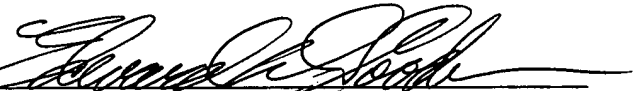
period of time. As such, the contrast decreasing signals may be generated in periods of time significantly shorter than the predetermined period of time.

This is supported in Fig. 1, wherein there is no time input to the pixel counter 104.

Applicant has added a new Fig. 3 showing an alternate embodiment of the video signal enhancement unit of Fig. 1. This embodiment is supported in the specification as filed on page 3, line 20 to page 4, line 8, and in claim 4 as originally filed.

Applicant believes that this application, containing claims 2-7 and 9-12, is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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IN THE DRAWINGS

Applicant proposes to amend Fig. 1, and to label the blocks in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings in accordance with the accompanying ANNOTATED SHEETS SHOWING CHANGES. These changes are incorporated in the enclosed REPLACEMENT SHEETS.

In addition, Applicant proposes to add new Fig. 3 in accordance with the accompanying new drawing sheet 3/3.



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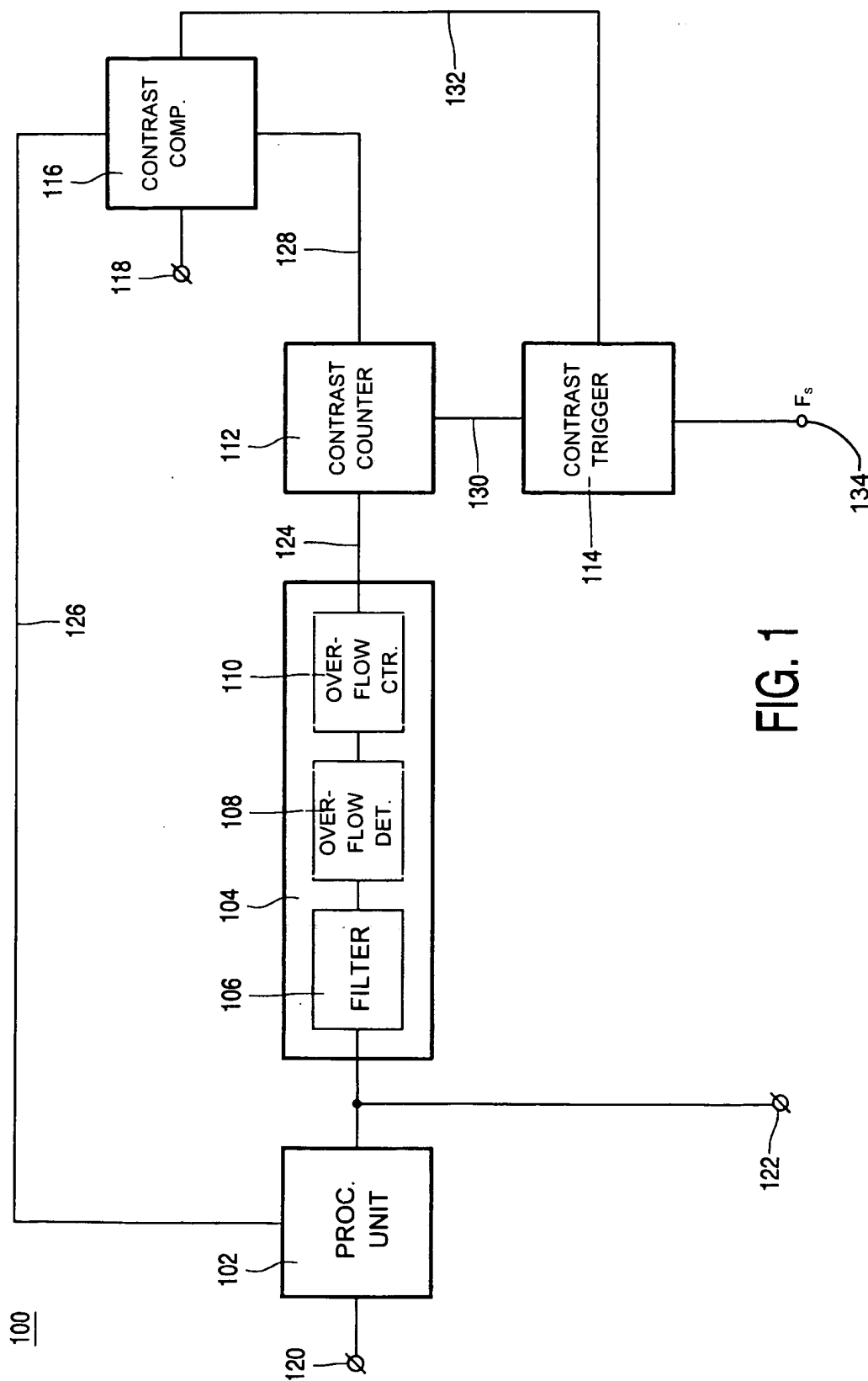


FIG. 1

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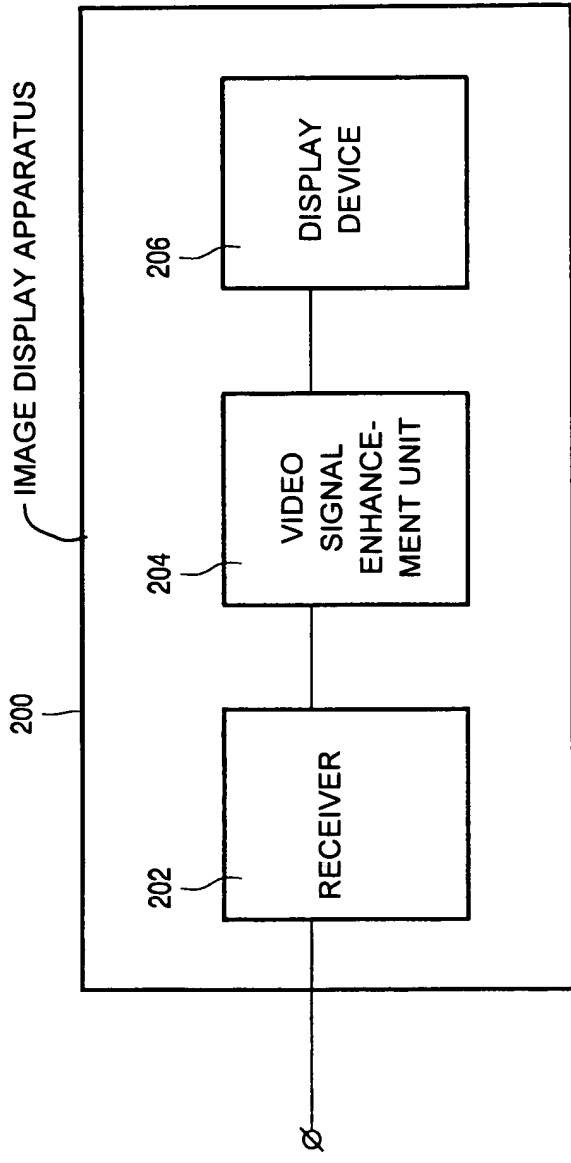


FIG. 2